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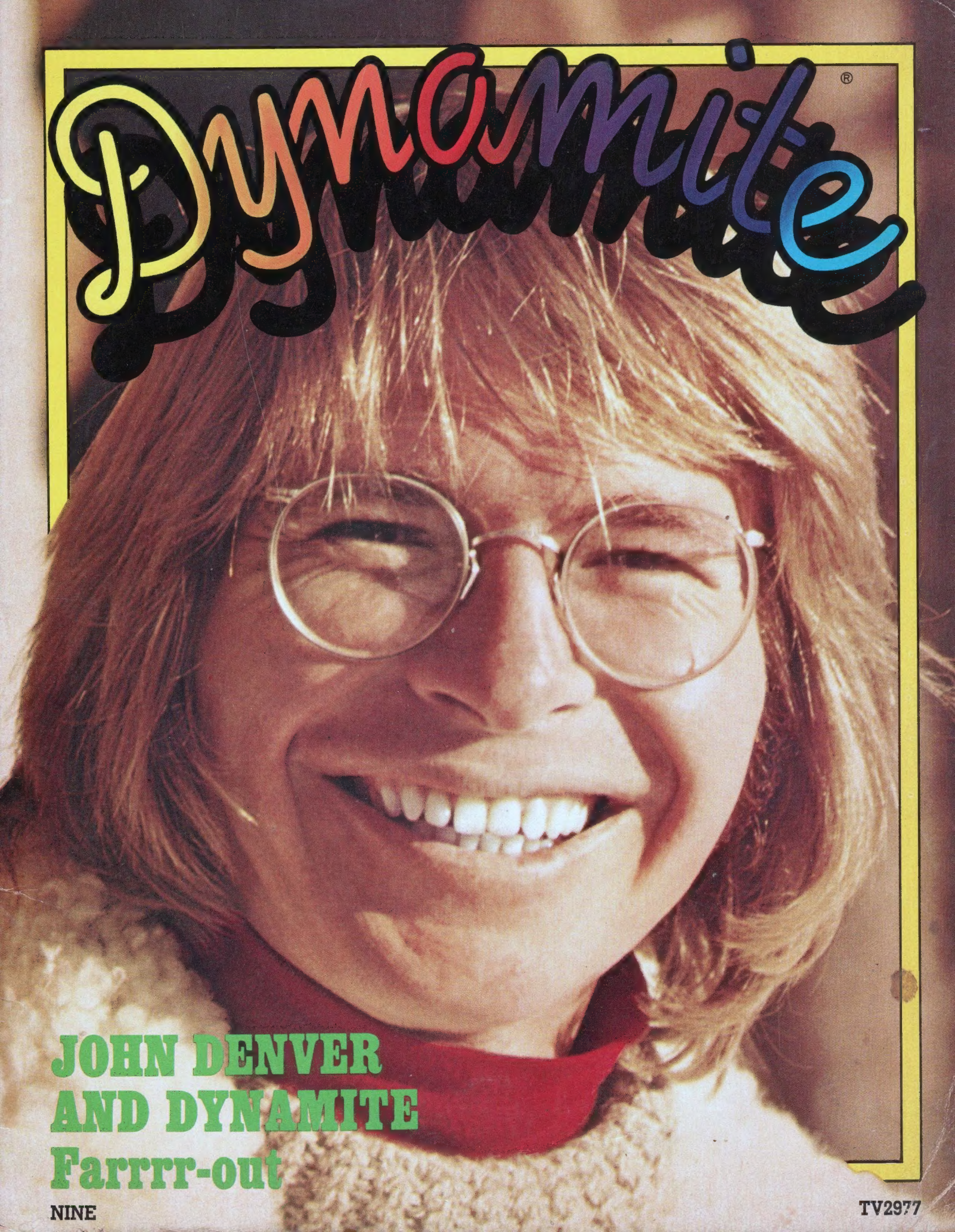

JOHN DENVER AND DYNAMITE Farrrr-out

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What you are holding in your hands is DYNAMITE! DYNAMITE was put together for you, today's kid. There will be a new issue of DYNAMITE each month and every one will be filled with jokes, games, sports, and stories about the people and things you really care about. So let us hear from you! Let us know you're out there. Tell us what's really DYNAMITE where you are!

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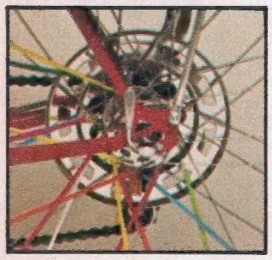
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Dynamite Goes to Denver

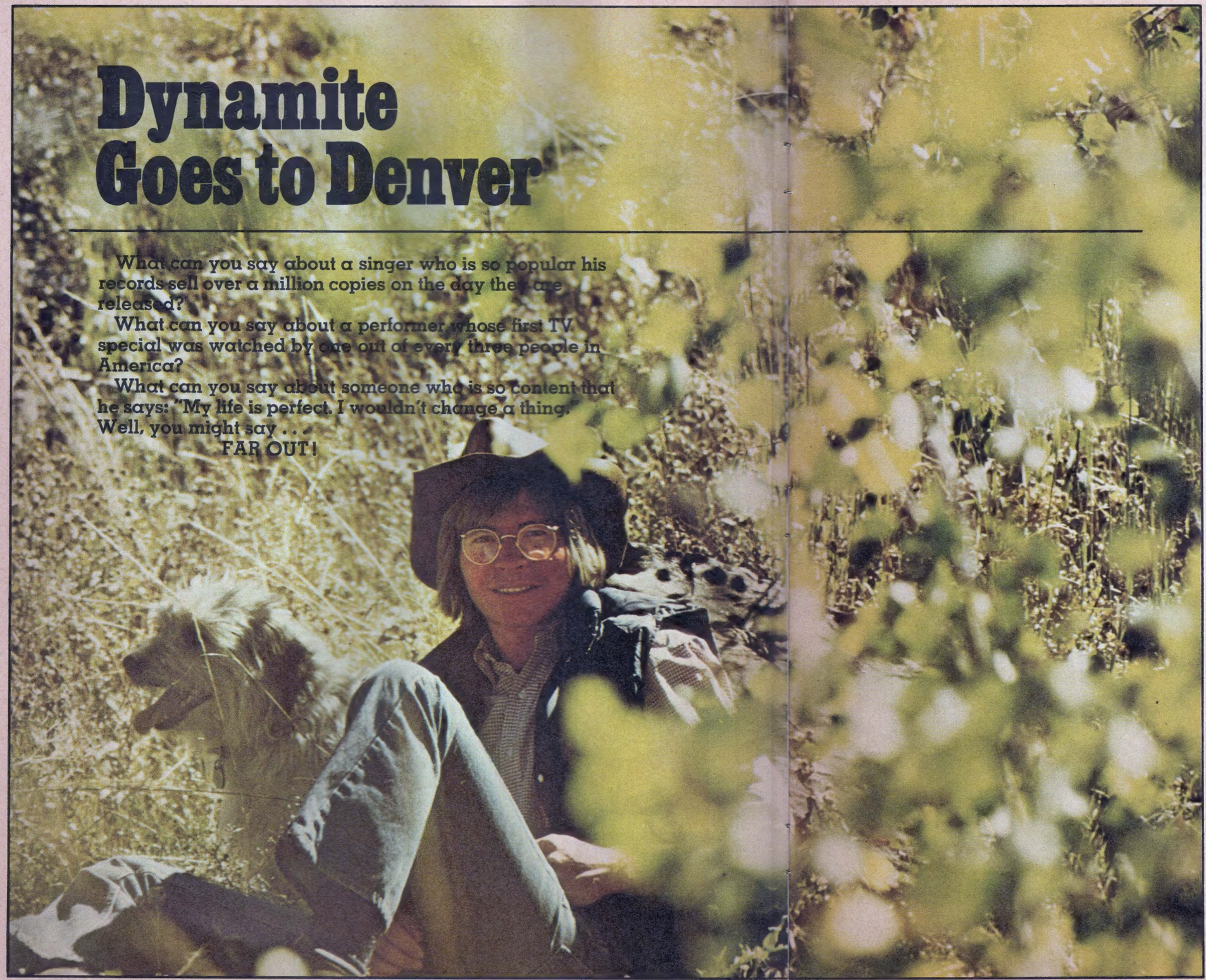
What can you say about a singer who is so popular his records sell over a million copies on the day they are released?

What can you say about a performer whose first TV special was watched by one out of every three people in America?

What can you say about someone who is so content that he says: "My life is perfect. I wouldn't change a thing."

Well, you might say . . .

FAR OUT!



When you're talking about John Denver "far out" is the only phrase that fits.

As all loyal Denver fans know, "far out" is John's favorite expression. In fact he set a world's record on TV by saying it 19 times in 90 minutes.

John's enthusiasm for life and the way he has of capturing his feelings in songs have made him a superstar. But he's not like most people's idea of a superstar. He doesn't live in a Hollywood mansion or drive fancy cars. Instead, he lives quietly with his wife, Annie, not in the bustle of a city—but in the peace of Aspen, Colorado, in the Rocky Mountains.

"He was born in the summer of his twenty-seventh year . . ."

That's the way John expressed his feelings about coming to live in Colorado. The words are from one of his most famous songs, "Rocky Mountain High." Maybe John has such special feelings about Aspen because as a kid he didn't live in one place long enough to really feel like it was home. John's father was in the Air Force, and his family moved around a lot. Moving around was exciting—the family lived in Japan for a while. But it caused some problems for John when he was a kid. It was his music that helped solve those problems.

"When I was in the ninth grade we moved from Tucson, Arizona, to Montgomery, Alabama," John remembered. "I started ninth grade one week after everyone else. I didn't know a single person there. I was 13 years old and I wanted people to like me. It was my guitar that introduced me to a lot of people."

John had first learned to play an old guitar that his grandmother had given him. Before too long, his parents got him a better guitar and he was on his way.

Eventually, John went to New York. He tried out for a group called the Chad Mitchell Trio. Over 250 singers tried out for the job, and John got it. The Mitchell Trio sang folk music, and at this time, folk music was becoming less popular. Before long, the group

broke up—and John found that he was broke too.

He started singing in small coffeehouses near colleges. "I'd sleep in the college dorms, and have my meals free in the cafeteria." Before long, the crowds started getting bigger, and people began to talk about John Denver and his songs. Then Peter, Paul, and Mary recorded one of John's songs —"Leaving on a Jet Plane"—and John had his first hit. It was not too much later that he started recording and selling millions of records and playing to crowds of thousands in huge concert halls.

Last summer, a Los Angeles newspaper announced a John Denver concert. The concert was sold out just 24 hours after the paper came out. People ran to the theater to line up for tickets. Some came the night before with sleeping bags! In all, there were 3,000 people in line when the ticket window opened!

What makes John Denver so "far out"? What makes him so popular? "It's just him," said one fan. "He's very real. He makes you feel the feelings he's singing about. There is nothing phoney about him."

"Country roads, take me home . . ."

When John is on stage, he's very open and sharing with his audience. He talks about Annie and the love he has for her. He talks about his home in the mountains and the things that are important to him. He doesn't mind thousands of people knowing about the way he lives. But when the concert is over and he goes home on those country roads, he wants his privacy.

Unfortunately, some people do not realize how important this privacy is to him. People drive up the private road to his house. They go right past the sign that says:"Please do not bother us. You are not welcome here. Thank you," and they barge right in. Once a man drove up with a whole carload of people. To make things worse, the car got a flat tire in John's driveway. "And I ended up helping him fix it," John said. To John, his home in the mountains is more than just a pretty place—it's the place that he goes to "fill himself up" with feelings that he can put in his songs and then share with people. That's why he insists on his privacy.

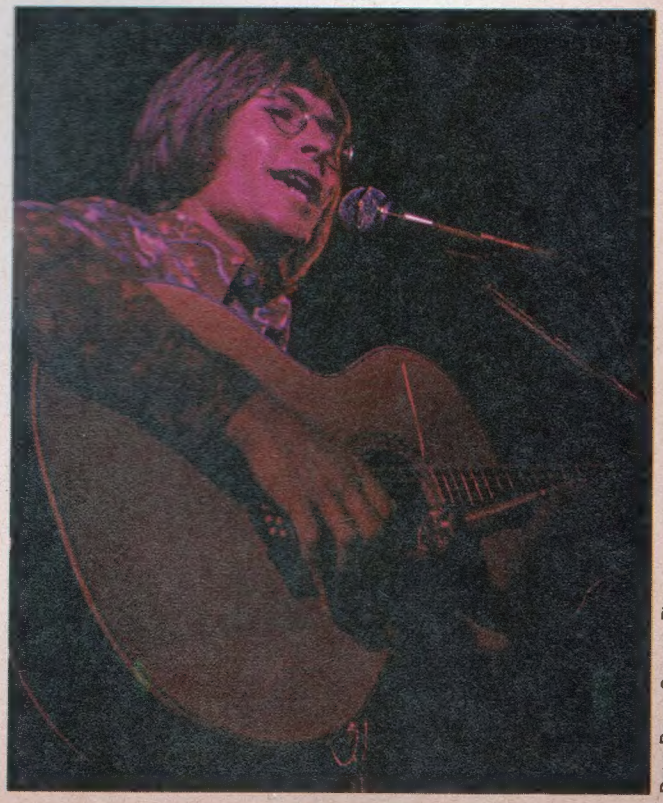
"I guess he'd rather be in Colorado . . ."

Some people say that John writes and sings too much about Colorado and the Rocky Mountains. They say that he sounds as if Colorado is the only place in the world. But John says that's not what he means at all. He thinks you can find your own Colorado anywhere—the place and people and feelings that make you happy. "You just need to look inside yourself," says John.

"Sunshine on my shoulders makes me happy . . ."

As for John Denver, he knows what makes him happy. He summed it all up in the introduction he wrote for The John Denver Song Book. He wrote:

"I love the mountains, and I love to look at the stars. I love to laugh and I love to be with my friends. More than anything I love singing for you. Thank you for listening."



Doug Bruce Camera Five

SERVICE WITH A SMILE

Illustration / Bob Shein

HERE'S A TIP!
Waiters can really dish it out, but can you take it? Spice up your next meal with these dinner-winners and laugh all the way to the banquet.

Waiter, there's a dead fly in my soup.
I know, sir. It's the heat that kills them.

Waiter, there's a fly in my chop suey.
That's nothing, Madame. Wait till you see what's in your fortune cookie.

Waiter, this fish isn't as good as the fish I had last week.
That's strange, sir. It's the same fish.

Waiter, there's a dead fly in my soup.
Don't make a fuss, Madame. Everybody will want one.

Waiter, what's this fly doing in my alphabet soup?
Probably learning to read, sir.

How did you find the meat, Madame?
I just looked under a potato chip and there it was.

Waiter, there's a dead fly in my soup.
Sorry, sir. I'm sure he was alive when he left the kitchen.

Waiter, what's this fly doing in my ice cream?
I guess it's learning to ski, Madame.

Waiter, there's a dead fly in my soup.
Yes, sir. The chef was out of DDT and he decided to drown them instead.

Waiter, this coffee tastes like tea.
I'm sorry, Madame. I must have given you the hot chocolate by mistake.

Waiter, there's a fly in my applesauce.
Of course, sir. It's a fruit fly.

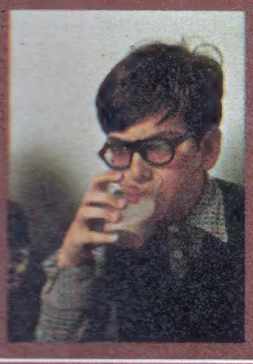
Waiter, there's a fly in my soup.
They don't care what they eat, do they, Madame?

Waiter, what's this fly doing in my soup?
I think the backstroke, Madame.

Waiter, this food isn't fit for a pig.
I'm sorry, sir. I'll bring you some that is.

Waiter, there's a dead fly in my soup.
What do you want us to do, have a funeral?

Waiter, your thumb is in my soup.
That's all right, sir. It's not very hot.



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THE GREAT CHOCOLATE MILK DRINK-OFF

Down through the ages, great thinkers have pondered many important and mystifying questions. "What is the meaning of life?" "Where are we going?" and the real biggie: "How can I make the very best glass of chocolate milk?"

This month, Dynamite decided to tackle the last question (we'll handle the others next month). We vowed we would not rest until we had THE ANSWER—the most milk-chocolatey, deliciously terrific glass of chocolate milk. Now after hours of study by our tireless taste-testers, we are ready to give you the startling results of THE GREAT CHOCOLATE MILK DRINK-OFF!

THE CONTESTANTS: Our judges sampled chocolate milk made with the five leading syrups and powders: Bosco syrup, Hershey's Instant (powder), Hershey's syrup, Fox's U-Bet (syrup), and Nestle Quik (powder). All are top brands that are available all over the country.

THE JUDGES: Our judges were all experts, Dynamite kids aged 10-12: Lisa Alhadeff, Danielle Claro, Richard Becker, Melissa Moss, Brian Schaffield, John Shepherd, and Declan Spring. All were certified chocolate freaks except Melissa. We included her so that we could see which chocolate milk was so great it would turn on even the non-freak.

NOW THE RULES: Each judge was given five glasses of chocolate milk. Each glass was numbered, and the judges did not know what kind of chocolate each number stood for. They were told to drink from each glass, take notes, think hard, then decide. They gave each glass a grade: "A" for the best, "B" for next best, right down to "E" for "forget it." We counted all the votes and gave 10 points for each "A," 8 for each "B," 6 for "C," 4 for "D," 2 for "E."

NOW THE RESULTS!

AND THE WINNER IS...

HERSHEY'S INSTANT!

Yes, fans, the votes were counted and "Number Two," the milk made with Hershey's Instant racked up a very impressive 62 votes. "Very smooth," Richard commented. "Perfect," said Declan. In second place was U-Bet syrup. The judges said that U-Bet was the sweetest, but the flavor wasn't as all-around good as Hershey's.

Next was Hershey's syrup, which the judges said was not chocolatey enough—maybe this is why non-freak Melissa liked this best.

Fourth was Quik. "Doesn't mix too well," "Not very good," were some of our judges' comments.

Trailing in last was Bosco. This was quite a surprise to our judges. They all said that Bosco was what they used at home, but compared with the others it didn't stand up. "Not very chocolatey," said Lisa.

Here are the final scores:

Hershey's Instant: 62 points
Fox's U-Bet: 60 points
Hershey's syrup: 58 points
Nestle Quik: 30 points
Bosco: 24 points

Hershey's, take a bow, your Instant was an instant hit! Your chocolate milk was the cream of the crop! And as for you Bosco—take a powder.

And Now a Word From Our Sponsor

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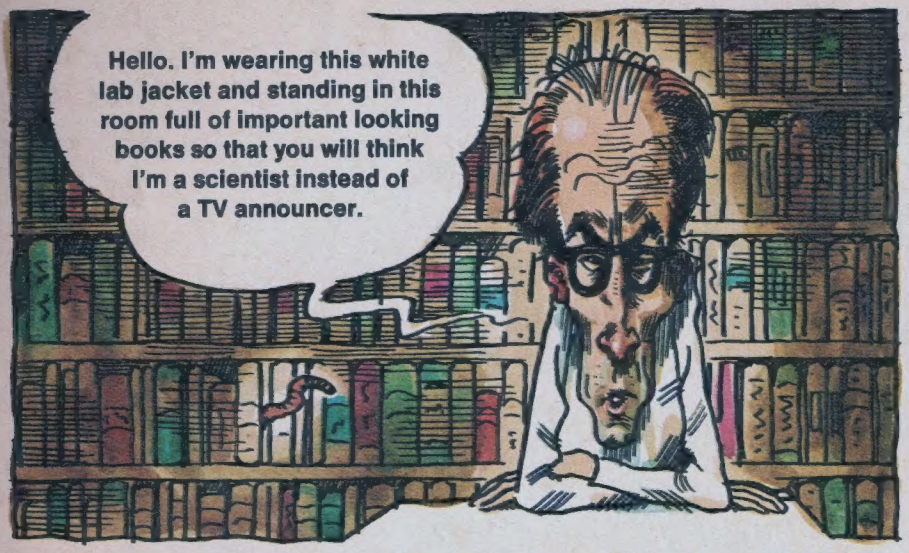
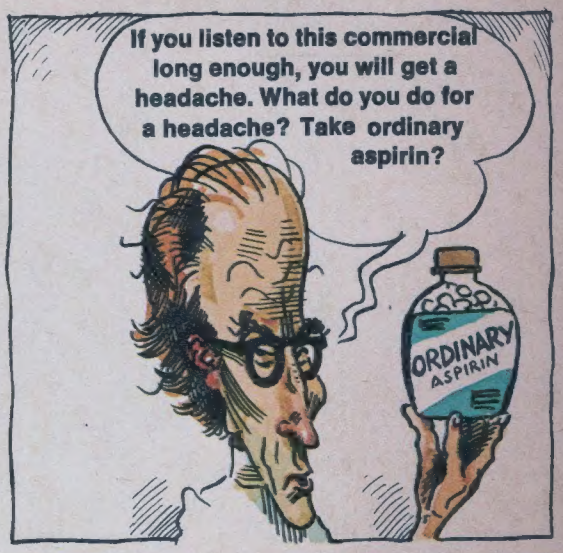
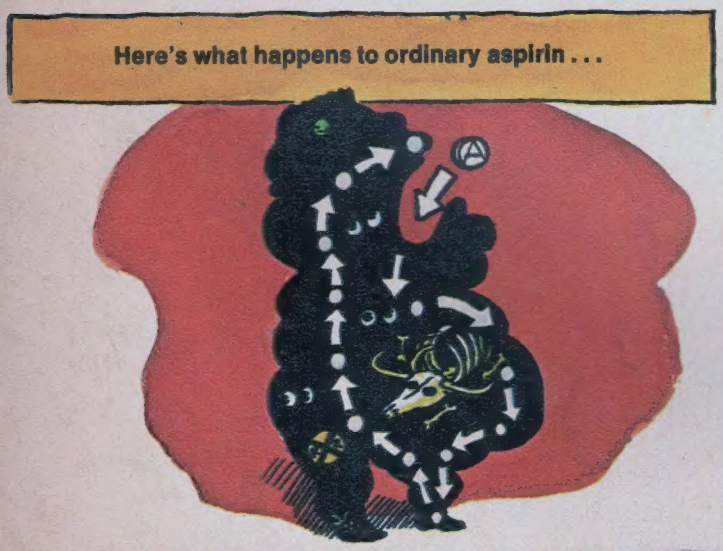
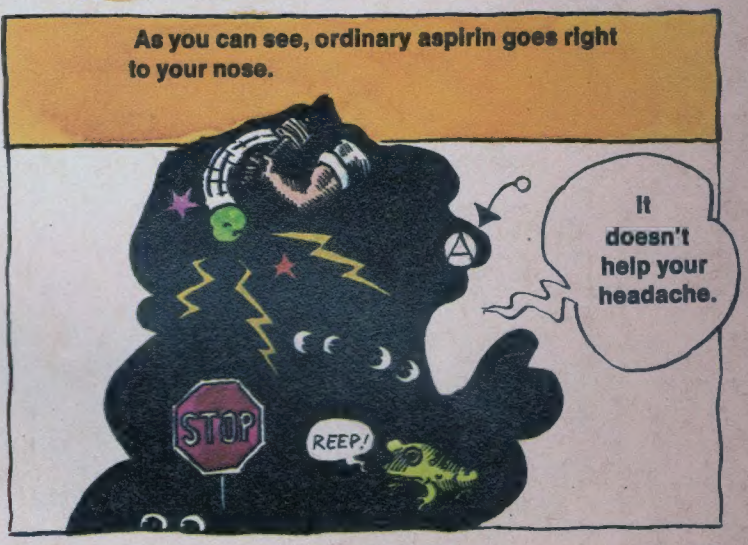








Have you ever had a "hunch" that turned out to be right? Ever feel like you've been there before? Had the exact same conversation you're having now? Know just what's going to happen next? If you're one of the people who is "lucky" a little too often, you might be more than "lucky." You might have ESP!

ESP

Can You Predict The Future?

ESP stands for extrasensory perception. It means the ability to know things without using the five senses (taste, touch, smell, sight, and hearing). Parapsychologists, the people who study ESP, are doing experiments and laboratory tests to prove that such a thing really does exist. At the same time, thousands of "unusual" experiences are reported to research institutes every day. It's weird. It's eerie. It's unbelievable, and yet, how else can you explain . . .

"One afternoon I went to see a movie," said a woman from Memphis. "As I went into the theater I got a sudden feeling that something was burning at home. The feeling got stronger and stronger until I couldn't stand it anymore. I had to leave the movie. When I got within a mile of my house, I saw the fields all black and smoking. Someone had thrown a lighted match in a field and started a fire. It took the fire department and fifty volunteers to save my home."

Was this ESP?

A woman from Australia, who had an ESP type of experience, said, "If machines, such as television and radio, can receive and transmit events from far away, why not the human being? We are more sensitive than machines."

And, believe it or not, you have a very good chance of having ESP just because you are not an adult yet. Tests have shown that your attitude has a lot to do with your ability to have an ESP experience. Older people often don't believe in such powers as easily as young people. A television must be tuned in to the right channel to receive a particular program. The mind must also be tuned in and open for reception! Perhaps that can account for . . .

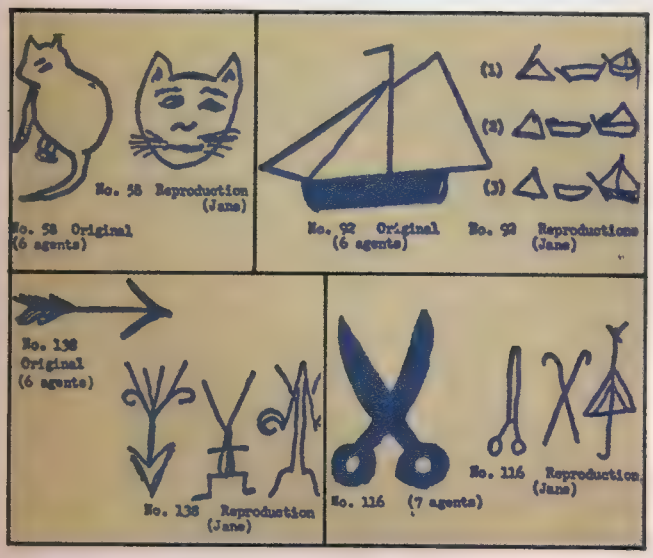
"The memory of the experience sends chills up and down my spine. It happened one night when I was eleven," said Tom. "I woke suddenly and sat up in bed. There above me, hanging in the darkness, was a face. It was normal size, but surrounded by a white cloud or haze. I was terrified as it came closer and closer to me, grinning cruelly. As it got nearer, I pulled back and was gasping for breath when as suddenly as it appeared, it disappeared! I was badly frightened and got back under the covers.

"I didn't mention it to my parents until I overheard my father telling my mother his experience of the night before. It was the same experience as mine!"

Was this ESP? Or could it have been a coincidence occurring because of something both the father and child had seen that day?

Many people report experiences like these —but there is no way to tell if the person is telling the whole truth. That is why scientists have tried to get people to have ESP experiences in a laboratory—where they can watch and record all the results.

One of the most interesting tests—and one of the first—was done in England almost 100 years ago. In this test, two girls seemed to be able to transfer thought pictures to one another. One girl sat in a corner blindfolded. The other girl drew a picture which the testers called the target picture. Both girls concentrated very hard, and after a while, the blindfolded girl drew what she thought the picture looked like. You can see how well a girl named Jane did by looking at the pictures below. The results may surprise you!



People aren't the only ones who have strange experiences. Animals might have ESP too! There are hundreds of stories of pet cats and dogs left behind when their owners move to new homes. Weeks, months, even a whole year later these homeless pets, tired and footsore, arrive at the new home—a place they've never even seen before, sometimes hundreds of miles away!

Does ESP tell animals the way? Or is it just a keen sense of smell that leads them in the right direction?

Some call it "coincidence." Others label it "women's intuition," a "hunch," "blind luck," or just plain "chance." J. B. Rhine, head of the Parapsychological Laboratory at Duke University, believes it's more than coincidence, and he has devised ways of testing for ESP. One of these tests is called Basic Technique or BT and is easy enough for you to try on yourself. All you need are a deck of cards, a pencil and paper for scoring, and a friend to help you. Sit in a quiet room and make yourselves comfortable. Now you are ready to find out if you have the power!

1. Choose 20 cards, 5 of each suit.

2. Have your friend, the tester, shuffle those 20 cards and place the stack face-down on the table.

3. Concentrate hard on the deck and guess what kind of card is on top—heart, club, spade, or diamond.

4. The tester looks at the card and writes down what it is as well as what you guessed it is. He then removes the card without telling you what it is.

5. Repeat this until all 20 cards have been guessed and recorded. Then start over and repeat the entire process four more times.

6. Add up your score of correct guesses. Just by chance you should be able to make 25 correct guesses. But only one out of 20 people make 34 correct guesses. One out of 100 make 36 correct guesses, and only one out of 1,000 are able to get 40 correct! If your score falls between 25 and 40 you may be very special indeed! You may have ESP!

You can receive an ESP Test Kit in the mail. The kit contains special ESP cards with easy instructions, plus 25 record sheets. To get this kit send $1.00, check or money order, to:

The Institute for Parapsychology
Box 6847, College Station
Durham, North Carolina 27708

Good luck and see you in the future!

BUMMERS

Join the Group Gripe by sending in your own pet peeve. A DYNAMITE artist might just pick your idea to illustrate! Mail all cranky suggestions to: DYNAMITE, 50 West 44th Street, New York, N.Y. 10036. We'll pay $5.00 for every gripe we use.

Illustrations/Jared Lee

Don't you just hate when someone names their dog after you?

Don't you just hate when your boyfriend gives you half a box of candy?

Don't you just hate when your swimming teacher nearly drowns you? Kathleen Welsh, Williston Park, NY

Don't you hate soda that was shaken up.
Mark Christiano, Kings Park, NY

Don't you hate when you give your new girl friend flowers and then find out she is allergic to them!
Maria Salewski, Green Bay, Wisc.

Don't you hate when you finish a box of cereal and discover you ate the prize. Ted Prager, Edison, NJ

Now that winter's almost over, it's time to start the wheels turning again. If your bicycle looks tired and bare, check out Dynamite's bike accessory bi-cyclopedia and take your pick of the put-ons.

Dynamite's Guide to Buying Wheel Estate

A sound investment for any bike is a horn. Give a hoot with a bugle horn or come in loud and clear with a buzz from a battery-operated horn. If you prefer some-ding with a nicer ring to it, try a bell.

Bicycles should be seen as well as heard. There are as many different kinds of lights to brighten your bike path as there are places to put them. If a light attached to your handlebars is too much to handle, try on a snap-on bike light that attaches to the frame. If you run into an energy crisis, a generator light that doesn't need batteries would be a current idea. Another flashy item that lets everyone know where you're going is a pair of bike turn signals.

When it gets dark, being seen is nothing to make light of so the bike companies have come up with some bright ideas. A bike flag that glows in the dark is a must for night riders. So are reflectors. They come in all sizes and shapes, so snap some onto your spokes or underneath your seat, or use special reflectors that attach to the hubs of your wheels. Soon to be seen is a new kind of tire that glows in the dark like a reflector.

If your bike looks too soft-spoken, "Spokey color clips" really round out your accessory collection. You can turn your handlebars into a truly gripping experience with different colored handlebar tape or streamers. To cover your hand-brake levers, plastic brake grips are something to get hold of.

Long distance riders will find a water bottle a good idea. When you decide to hit the road, or if you just want to ride to school and you need something to carry your gear in, there are all sizes and shapes of baskets and saddlebags to choose from.

If you still have room left and your bike doesn't weigh as much as a truck, try squeezing a speedometer onto your handlebars. It can tell you how fast and how many miles you've ridden. And last but not least, if you don't want your cycling to fall flat, get a pump, if your bike doesn't already have one.

So get in gear and check out your local wheeler-dealer for the latest in bike accessories.

Bell, water bottle, bugle horns, touring bag (front), generator light, bike rider safety light (under seat), speedometer, pump, sting ray mirror, bike flag, and Le Tour bicycle courtesy of Schwinn Bicycle Co.

Snap-on bike light (rear wheel), snap-on reflectors courtesy of Gulco, Bright Star Industries.
Streamers, brake grips, wheel hub reflectors, black touring bag under seat courtesy of the Hunt-Wilde Corp.

Rear saddlebags, turn signals, water bottle, plastic headlight, mirror courtesy of Huffman Manufacturing Co.

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Illustration/Werner Kappes

Go nuts! Break out of your shell! Crack up! Or do absolutely nuttin' at all! It's National Peanut Month—a good time to go goofy for goobers!

And speaking of nuts, why not shell out some cash for a birthday card for Ron Howard, the nutty star of *Happy Days*. Ron: c/o William Schuller Agency, 9110 Sunset Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90069.

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CALIFORNIA ORE BUST!

There's no fool like a gold fool, but it's not fool's gold today at the beginning of the 15th Annual Gold Panning Championships in Rosamond, California. All are willing to take their lumps there.

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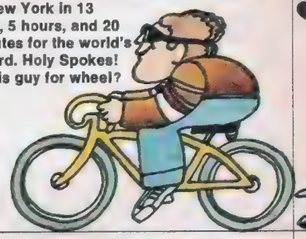
ALL TIRED OUT

Paul Cornish is ready for the Old Spokes Home after riding his bike from California to New York in 13 days, 5 hours, and 20 minutes for the world's record. Holy Spokes! Is this guy for wheel?



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5 How's this for knit wit? Mrs. A. Whitbourne socks it to 'em with a wild and woolly world's record, knitting non-stop for 92 hours.

Get the feeling you've forgotten something? Think hard. . . . How about the Alamo? Did you forget to remember the Alamo? Well, today is a good day to start remembering. On this day in 1836 the Alamo fell to the Mexican army.

Need something else to remember? Rob Reiner's birthday. Rob: Television City, 7800 Beverly Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90036.

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Some people called him a balloonatic. Some said he was flighty. "They're just full of hot air," Matt Wiederker said. He popped into a balloon and flew from St. Paul to Butte, Montana, in 16 hours for the world's long distance balloon record. "I could have flown even farther," Matt said. "But I forgot to untie the string!"

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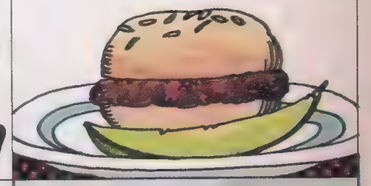
Burgers meet their i-dill companions. It's National Hamburger and Pickle Month! Get on the patty wagon and beef up your menu with sour power.



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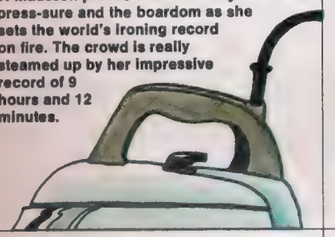
HOT OFF THE PRESS

Extra! Extra! Here's a new wrinkle. Mrs. J. Maassen proves she can really take the press-sure and the boardom as she sets the world's ironing record on fire. The crowd is really steamed up by her impressive record of 9 hours and 12 minutes.



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A SMASHING PERFORMANCE

The members of the Robin Hood Karate Club of Sherwood, England, do more than tickle the ivories as they shatter the world's record for decomposing a piano. In a concerted effort, the club takes 41 minutes, 24 seconds to beat a piano into splinters with their hands.

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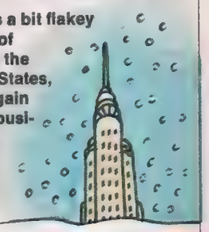
THE GREATEST SNOW ON EARTH

Everybody goes a bit flakey as the Blizzard of 1888 drifts over the eastern United States, proving once again that there's no business like snow business!



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Juliette Low is a pretty sharp cookie when she starts the Girl Scouts of America on this day in 1912.

Today's the birthday of another real trooper: Marlon Jackson of the Jackson Five. Marlon: c/o Motown Records, 6464 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028.

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He didn't exactly planet that way, but William Hershel got his space in history when he made the star-tling discovery of the seventh planet, Uranus. (1781)

Speaking of stars, it's James Taylor's birthday. James: c/o Nat Weiss, 888 7th Ave., New York, NY.

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DISC-CONTINUED

Disc jockey Tony Santos sets a long-playing record as he spins the discs for 208 straight hours in a London discotheque. He's proud of his record, but his friends all needle him.

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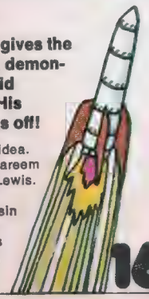
ROCKET TO ME!

Dr. Robert Goddard gives the Roaring 20's a blast, demonstrating the first liquid fuel rocket in 1926. His invention really takes off!

Here's another sure-fire idea. Send birthday cards to Kareem Abdul-Jabbar and Jerry Lewis. Kareem: c/o Milwaukee Bucks, 700 West Wisconsin St., Milwaukee, WI. Jerry: c/o William Morris Agency, 1350 Sixth Ave., New York, NY.



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DUBLIN YOUR FUN: It's Saint Patrick's Day

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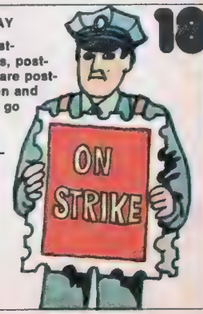
DEAD LETTER DAY

All postcards, postmarks, postscripts, postage, and posters are postponed, as postmen and postwomen won't go to their posts. Post offices close post haste—it's the first large scale post office strike in U.S. history. (1970)



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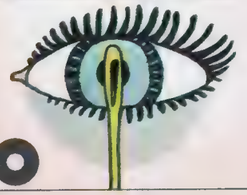
THREADY OR NOT

Here comes Brenda Robinson with a sharp world's record. She sees eye to eye with a needle as she threads one 3,795 times.



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John Day wanted to live in a small town. So he moved to Spring, Ohio. "Welcome to Spring," the mayor said. "We've never had anyone named Day here before. You're the first Day of Spring!" You guessed it—that's what today is.

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In 1895, the Lumiere Brothers of France take a group of people into a dark room and show them the first motion picture. Five minutes later, the audience walks out. "The film was okay," they say, "but the popcorn was lousy!"

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CHECK THIS OUT!

John P. Cameron and Joe Stevens play chess hour a-pawn hour because they don't want to be rooked out of their place in the record books. They play day and knight for over 100 hours. It's the high spot of their checkered careers. (1970)

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THE RACE IS ON AND ON AND ON . . .

Johnny Salo is a very race-y character in 1929. Speeding is his ticket as he runs the longest race in history. He starts from New York on this day and arrives in L.A., 79 days later. Quite a feat, huh?

25 **A GREAT DAY FOR LOUDMOUTHS . . .**

In Newcastle Upon Tyne, England, in 1769 a man hiccoughs so loud he can be heard a mile away! And in 1920, Howard Cosell is born.

On a more musical note, Elton John and Aretha Franklin also have birthdays today. Elton: c/o MCA Music, 445 Park Ave., New York, NY 10022. Aretha: c/o Ruth Bowen, Queen Booking, 1650 Broadway, New York, NY.

MEDICINE MAN

In 1953 Jonas Salk gives the country a good shot in the arm. He discovers the Polio vaccine.

Another Supreme achievement—Diana Ross is born! Diana: c/o Motown Records, 6464 Sunset Blvd., Hollywood, CA 90028.

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"WHAT'S SHAKING?"

"I don't know. Alaska." Worst earthquake in U.S. history hits Alaska on this day in 1964.

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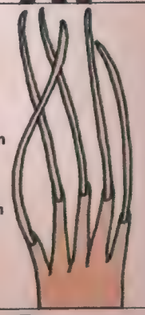
CLAWING HIS WAY TO THE TOP

Murari Mohan Aditya won't cut 'em in Calcutta. He nails down the record for the longest fingernails. Starting from scratch in 1962 he ends up with nails of 55½ inches.



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The Strange Story of the Stanley Cup!

SPORTS ILLUSTRATED Photo by Dick Raphael (© Time Inc.)

Stand up, hockey fans. Ready? Now three bows to the east in honor of the Right Honourable Sir Frederick Arthur, Lord Stanley of Preston, in the County of Lancaster, in the Peerage of Great Britain, Knight Grand Cross of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath. Or as his friends called him, just plain Freddy.

Back in 1893, old Lord Fred changed the course of hockey when he shelled out $48.67 for a small silver bowl lined with gold. Since then, the best hockey teams in the world have competed for the Stanley Cup. (Why not the Freddy Cup?)

They still use the original cup today—with a few minor changes (costing another $15,000!). New sections have been added to the base ($6,000) and the names of the winning players are engraved on the trophy (around $150 a year).

Some pretty weird things have happened to the Stanley Cup over the years. For example . . . In 1905, the Dawson City Klondikers from the far-off Yukon Territory challenged the Ottawa Silver Seven for the Cup. (That's the way it worked in the good old days.)

Unfortunately, Dawson City was 4,500 miles away from Ottawa. The jet plane hadn't been invented yet. And the railroad didn't reach the Yukon. So the Klondikers set off by dog sled! The temperatures were well below zero and most of the players suffered from frostbite. Then they missed the boat from Seattle to Vancouver, which caused a five-day delay. Finally they rode the train across Canada to Ottawa, the end of an unbelievable 23-day trip.

Desire! Determination! Forget it! They rested for one day. Then they lost the first game, 9-2. In the second and deciding game, disaster! The Ottawa Silver Seven murdered the Klondikers, 23-3.

The Ottawa fans were delighted at their team's victory. They held a big celebration in their honor. On the way home, the team decided to play football with the Stanley Cup. One player finished the game by kicking it into a nearby canal.

When the player, Harry Smith, awoke the next morning, he realized what he had done. Quickly he dashed to the canal. As luck would have it, the Cup was safe, if not warm, on dry land just at the edge of the water.

The next year, the trophy was won by the Montreal Wanderers. The proud winners wandered off to a photographer's studio for a team picture, with the Cup.

With the final snapshot taken, the players took off. But no one remembered to take the Stanley Cup. A cleaning woman found it and decided it would make a lovely bowl for planting flowers. She took it home—and turned the Cup into the world's most famous planter.

It took months for the team to realize the Cup was missing. Then someone remembered that day in the photo studio. They checked and quickly discovered that the Stanley Cup was full of geraniums in the cleaning woman's living room!

The Montreal Canadiens have won the Cup 18 times—more than any other team.

And the Montreal fans seem to love the Stanley Cup even more than the players. For some selfish reason, they feel that the Cup should always be in their city.

Somehow, the Chicago Black Hawks managed to win the 1961 championship. That meant that the Cup would be displayed in Chicago Stadium through 1962. That was more than one Canadien fan could take.

He walked up to the display case containing the Cup. He looked it over carefully. Then, quickly, he opened the glass case and snatched the shiny trophy.

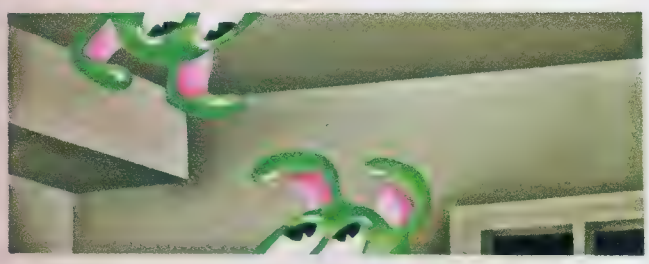
No alarm sounded. No sirens blared. Nothing. The fan kidnapped the Stanley Cup!

He was just a few steps from the stadium doors when a policeman stopped him. "Where do you think you're going with the Stanley Cup?" asked the cop.

"I'm taking it back to Montreal, where it belongs!" answered the fan. The officer didn't agree, and the Cup was put back in the case.

Right now the Stanley Cup belongs to the Philadelphia Flyers. The proud Philadelphians intend to keep it. But 17 other teams may have something to say about it. So, for more adventures of the Stanley Cup, don't forget to tune in at playoff time in May.

HOT STUFF



ONCE MORE WITH CEILING

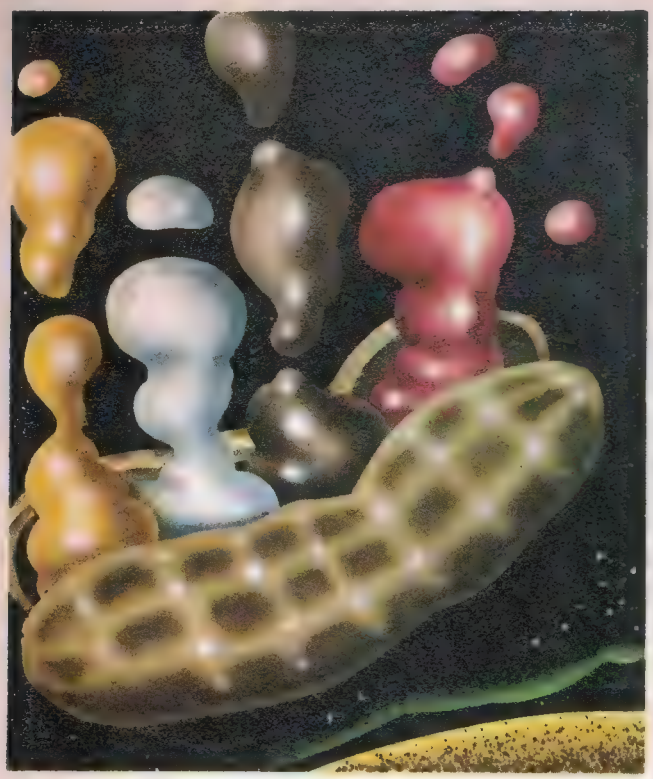
Nobody knows you when you're down and out, so don't be down, keep up with what's in! As a loyal reader, you've probably got at least five Dynamite posters hanging on your walls. Well, poster fans, it's time to turn your back to the wall and lift your thoughts up to the ceiling. Because up is where it's at! And the ceiling is tops when it comes to hanging up your favorite posters. Got a center-of-the-ceiling light fixture? Use it as a daisy center and hang your posters like petals around it! Put one right over your bed, then dream on!

Let it all hang up and let all your friends see that when it comes to room decorations, yours are way above all the rest!

CALIFORNIA DREAMIN'

New York had its Hot Stuff day and we toasted the town with an authentic New York Egg Cream! Well, California here we come with a West Coast juicy exclusive! The Orange Julius has oozed its way across the country, but for those of you who missed it, Dynamite is going to tell you how to let the sun shine into your place! It tastes just like the real thing and you can make it at home!

You'll need an electric blender, some orange juice, and some vanilla ice cream. Pour equal parts of juice and ice cream into the blender and turn it on! In a minute you'll have what Californians have been dreaming and screaming about for years! We hear you, California, and we'll drink to you! With the Orange Julius, California reigns when it pours!



HERE'S LOOKIN' AT YOOGLE

Tried and troogle! Kraft's new Koogle is a jarful of tastebud-tickling, ooglie goodness! What are we oogling and ahgling about? Four new peanut buttery spreads that taste trooglie terrific!

Dynamite taste-tested all four flavors—Chocolate, Vanilla, Cinnamon, and Banana—and everyone agreed that Chocolate Koogle is numero ooglo uno! Vanilla and Cinnamon tied for second and Banana peeled in last. But it's all a matter of taste! The combinations are endless! Try Chocolate Koogle on aTriscuit cracker and you've got yourself what seems to be a Clark Bar! Spread Cinnamon on an apple and you'll feel like you're at a county fair! Vanilla smeared on a chocolate cookie gives you an ooglie Oreo taste! And Banana on ice cream slides down like a banana split!

Get it at your local supermarket! Koogle is what's noogle for yoogle!

Look Ma, New Hands!

Next time you find yourself with time on your hands, put them behind your back and hit your friend for a hand out! For a handful of freaky fun try this trick.

Ask a friend to stand behind you. Put your arms behind your back and clasp your hands together. Now—your friend puts his or her arms through yours, so they are in front of you. If you stand in front of the mirror you should see yourself with a new pair of arms. Now, start talking! As you're explaining how tired you are, yawn big and wide. The hands should try to cover your mouth, but of course they'll miss completely. Do some serious thinking while the hands stroke your chin! Say you have an itch on your shoulder while the hands are busily scratching your head! The gang will think you've flipped, but just wave them away and tell them you've got the situation well in hand!

Illustrations/Phil Slagter

Kids In Commercials

Would You Buy A Used Car From This Kid?

Just when you sit down to enjoy your favorite television program, they get on the air and try to sell you toothpaste, sneakers, yogurt, pancake syrup, turkey stuffing. . . . And you never bought their "innocent kids" act, right? Why are they doing this to you? Well they have some pretty good reasons. And here to tell you why they joined the "commercial conspiracy" are two of its biggest stars—MATTHEW ANTON and SHELLY BRUCE! Give them a big hand, folks.

Matthew Anton is ten, but he's been in the "business" since he was five.

"My first commercial was for Colgate toothpaste. It was also my first audition. I had to say, 'I got tough teeth.' "

For those of you who don't know what an audition is like, let Matthew tell you about it: "My father calls them the cattle calls. You've got to imagine hundreds of kids trying out for the same part. It's part of the normal routine of getting a commercial. Some kids go to auditions and they're really tense and nervous. That's what the people who decide don't like. You go into a separate room with them and say the lines they give you. Then they say, 'Say it a little bit happier.' So you do it again—until they like it."

Shelly Bruce (whose real name is Michelle Merklinghaus) is a ten year old who sings, dances, acts, plays piano, performs acrobatics, and figure skates.

One of her favorite commercials was for Stove Top Stuffing (try saying that fast!). "Some commercials are fun; some of them are real hard. The one for Stove Top was fun because we had to tackle the father. He would drop his suitcase and go down on his knees. Since we had to do it over again many times, we took a lot of breaks because we were all sweaty."

Sometimes commercials are not fun because they have to be done again and again until the actors feel like they're losing their minds. "I did a commercial that we had to do a hundred and something times.

"My friends make a big deal over my commercials," Shelly laughs in embarrassment. "I want to be like everybody else. I don't want to be, you know, special. But it's hard."

"When the kids first find out about my commercials, it's a big thing," Matthew agrees. "But then after they get to know me, it doesn't make any difference. We're kids and we like each other. I mean, sometimes we have fights. Kids can get pretty low with insults. But they don't insult and put down what you are and what you can't change. Like, nobody insults me except once in a while about my acting. But when they do that, I put down something about them."

Shelly and Matthew get out of school a lot because of their acting, but they probably have more work than most kids. For one

thing, they have to become pretty good at memorizing so they can learn their lines.

"Once you get the hang of memorizing things," Shelly says, "it's not so bad. When I'm doing commercials, my mother helps me. You have to get one line at a time. Then you work on the next line and the first line. My mother tests me."

Matthew doesn't find memorizing the lines too difficult. "Usually in commercials, you don't really blab your head off. You just have a few lines. But when you make a mistake and the cameras are rolling, you shouldn't stop. You should just go on with it. Once I did something by accident and the director flipped for it!"

Matthew, who has been in a play by Shakespeare, a soap opera, a Broadway musical, a TV pilot, and over 45 commercials, wants to keep on acting. He's getting a bit old for the "kid" category (according to him), and he hopes to play teenagers soon. "I thought I may want to be an astronaut. Then my mother told me that you had to be a great math student to be an astronaut. . . . That leaves me out!"

Sh ly does her stuff for Stove Top Stuffing.

Matthew works for peanuts—Snickers with peanuts, that is.

With her singing, dancing, piano and ice skating lessons, it's amazing that Shelly has any time for herself. "It's such fun," she insists. "I want to continue acting in commercials. If not, maybe I'll try to be a figure skater."

These two talented and hard-working kids are making it in an adult world—seeing managers, going up for auditions, and earning money. Every time their commercial is shown, they receive a check. If the commercial is shown on TV a lot, they can make as much as $6,000 on one commercial! Most of their money, though, is being saved for college.

So the next time you see one of them on the tube, telling you how great something is, remember they might have had to practice their lines a hundred times and give the kids a break—watch for a few seconds before you head for the refrigerator!

—Sonia Hanna Pilcer

SUPER-HEROES CONFIDENTIAL

Intimate Pix and Fax of Comic Stars' Pasts
This Month: Fantastic Four Funfare

As the rocket carrying Reed Richards, Ben Grimm, and Sue and Johnny Storm hurtled through space it was zapped by a heavy shower of cosmic rays. When the rocket landed back on Earth some weird things started to happen. Sue wasn't much to look at, especially when she pulled a vanishing act and turned invisible. The cosmic rays had really shaken up her atomic structure, turning her into a real outtasite character. Luckily, she reappeared a few minutes later. Let's tune in on the rest of the freaky events that transformed these fated figures into The Fantastic Four.

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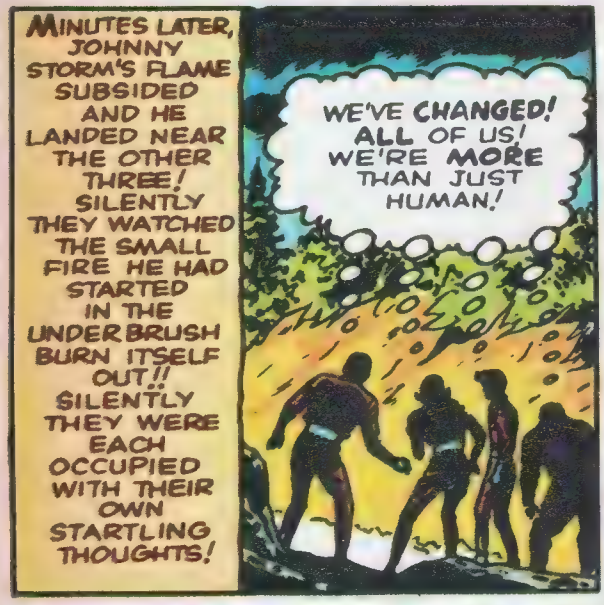

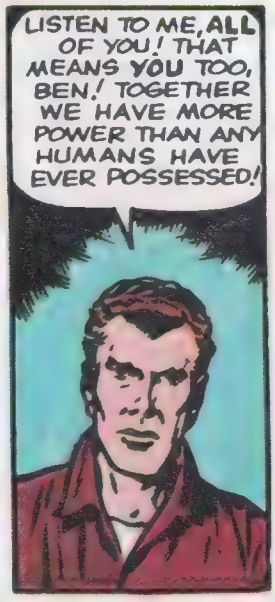

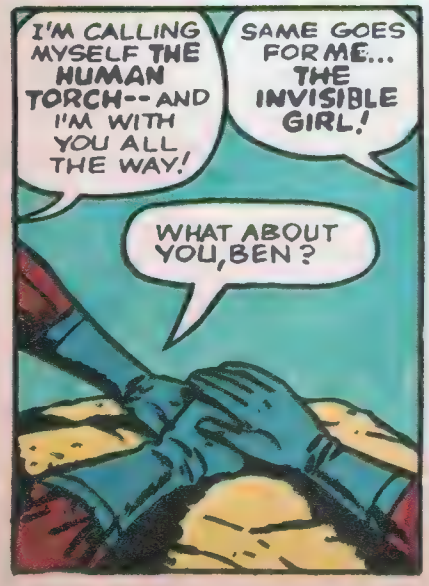

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FAR-OUT FAX TO FASCINATE FAITHFUL FANTASTIC FOUR FREAKS

Do The Fantastic Four use secret identities?
No. Everybody knows who they are, so unlike all the other super-heroes, they are not burdened with split personalities.

Who are The Fantastic Four's greatest enemies?
Dr. Doom, of course, is the number-one enemy. His scientific prowess is almost as great as Reed's. He, however, has chosen to use it for evil. Some of the other foes The Four face are The Moleman, Puppet Master, and The Thinker.

What was their greatest victory?
The Fantastic Four's greatest moment was when they prevented Galactus from destroying the Earth. Galactus is a kind of cosmic vampire. He drains the energy out of other worlds, leaving them lifeless. He needs a steady diet of worlds to keep his force strong. The Fantastic Four, with the help of The Silver Surfer, made him promise to leave the Earth alone. He has broken his promises before and he may return.

What did the four do before they became The Fantastic Four?
Reed Richards was a brilliant scientist. Ben was a professional test pilot. Sue was Reed's girl friend, and Johnny, Sue's brother, didn't do much.

Why were they on the rocket flight?
Reed, who had spent years building a rocket capable of incredible speeds, was determined to win the space race for America. Fearing any delay would mean defeat, he asked Ben to fly the spacecraft. Sue demanded that she be allowed to go with Reed. Her brother wouldn't let her go without him, so the four took off together.

Is The Thing indestructible?
Almost. The Thing could easily withstand any blast from a gun or cannon. Perhaps the only thing that could destroy him would be an H-bomb. There are very few super-heroes stronger than The Thing. The Hulk is stronger. "If an H-bomb were dropped on The Hulk, he'd probably catch it and throw it back," Marvel editor Len Wein said.

Is The Thing intelligent?
The Thing is still as intelligent as he was when he was Ben Grimm. The reason he sounds dumb is because he likes to act the part of an all-muscle, no-brains character. But don't forget, The Thing is a college graduate.

Can Sue become invisible whenever she wants to?
Yes. By concentrating and using a form of mental control, she can make herself totally invisible. Johnny uses the same type of mental control to become The Torch. When he feels the burning desire to become The Torch, he gives the command, "Flame On!" and he becomes the hottest super-hero in town.

How far can Reed stretch?
Reed can stretch about 100 yards with no problem. Any further stretching would cause him great pain.

How does he prevent his uniform from ripping?
All the Fantastic Four uniforms have been specially treated so they can adapt to whoever is wearing them. Reed made them using unstable molecules, so each uniform is as fantastic as its wearer. Reed's can stretch as far as necessary. Johnny's can withstand all the heat he generates. Sue's uniform turns invisible as she does. Ben's expands when he needs more room to flex his muscles.

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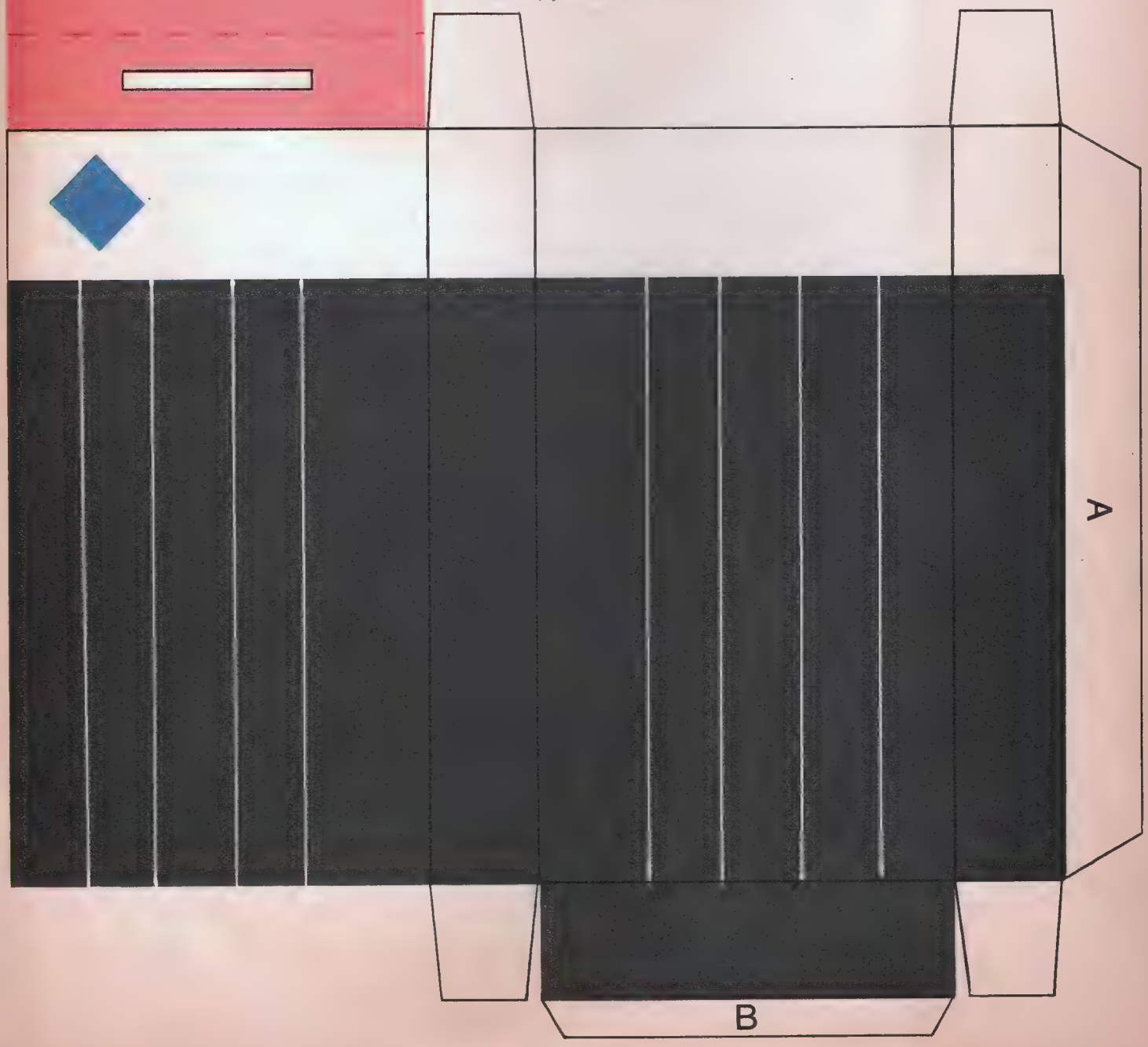
THE BIG HAND OUT

Here's a bank with plenty of interest, because you put it together yourself. Here's how: 1. To make the bank a little more solid, paste the whole sheet of paper on a piece of cardboard. Then cut out the bank. **2.** Cut open the slit. **3.** Put the bank with the printed side up. **4.** Make creases along all the black lines. You do this by folding under along the lines, pressing down and then unfolding. Do it one line at a time. Don't forget the black line in the middle of the hand. **5.** Turn the bank over so that the printed side is down. **6.** Make all the sides stand up like the sides of a box. **7.** Take the part with the hand on it and bring it over to Tab A. **8.** Put glue on Tab A and glue it to the edge of the hand part. Now you have a box that is open on both ends. **9.** Fold in the two small white tabs at the bottom. Then fold down Tab B. Put glue on Tab B. Slip it inside the bank and press to close. **10.** Fold in the two white tabs at the top. Hold the fingers part by the red dotted line. Now fold it up and away from you so that the red dotted line meets the red line. Press together and hold. **11.** Now slip this into the back of the bank to close up the box. The fingers stick out.

There's your bank. Put money in the slot. Then when you need some money fast—give yourself a handout. Pull the fingers. The box opens and help yourself!



Good Vibrations

Thank you all for your interesting letters. I just wish that it was possible for me to answer all of them. Unfortunately I cannot answer them all, so I will try to respond to many different kinds of questions and problems in Dynamite each month.

IT ISN'T FAIR!

Dear Dr. Kernberg,

I am 11, and I have a real problem with my father. He always blames me for things I didn't do. It isn't fair! For example, one day my little brother poured his milk in my lap. It messed up my rug. My father blamed me and sent me upstairs. I tried to explain, but he wouldn't listen. He spanked me. I can't discuss anything with him. He just gets mad. I feel like running away, but I don't have the nerve. I hope you can help me.

S., Massachusetts

Dear S.,

You do have a difficult problem. I have two suggestions for you. First, think very hard about the times that your father has punished you unfairly. Can you be absolutely sure that you didn't do anything to make your father angry? If you are sure that you are right, then pick a time to talk with your dad when no one is mad or in a bad mood. Maybe you and your father can work out a better system for finding out who is to blame. Secondly, try not to get involved with your little brother quite as much. Let him learn that he can play with you only if he doesn't try to get you into trouble. Good luck, and don't let it get you down!

Dynamite readers, do you have any other suggestions for S.? Send them to me, Dr. Kernberg, at Dynamite, and we'll pass them along. Do you have any advice for handling younger brothers and sisters?

IF YOU LOSE PEOPLE YOU LOVE...

Dear Dr. Kernberg,

I was in a car accident when I was 7, and my brother, sister, and mother were all killed. When it happened I was fighting with my brother. Sometimes I feel as if it was my fault. Whenever I feel bad about it, I cry. It's good to let your feelings out, isn't it? Well, I think it is—but sometimes I feel that I should hide how I feel. Should I? I have a lot of pets; they help sometimes.

J., New York

Dear J.,

You are not the only one who has written to me about losing their parents or brothers and sisters in car accidents. Your letter was really terrific, because it showed that you have already figured out some ways to deal with losing your family. Crying is definitely okay! Having pets to love and care for is also a good idea. It is very natural that you sometimes feel that the accident was your fault. When something happens that is hard to understand, people often try to figure out some reason why it might have happened. Sometimes they even think that the bad thing happened because they did something wrong. But you know that you didn't really cause the accident. Just think of the millions of brothers and sisters who fight and tease each other and don't get into accidents. Try not to give in to your bad feelings. Think how proud your family would be of you for being strong. I'm proud of you too!

Do you have any questions, problems, or ideas you want to share? You can write to me: Dr. Kernberg, c/o DYNAMITE, 50 West 44th Street, New York, NY 10036. (Sorry, no answers by mail.)

MAGIC WANDA'S MIND-BOGGLING MIND READING NUMBER

Photo/Paul DeGeorges

Hey, what's happening? This is Magic Wanda again. I've been busy lately practicing pulling Maharishi, my rabbit, out of my father's hat. He doesn't like it too much. He says the only hare he wants in his hat is his own—get it?

This month, I've got a mind reading trick that will really blow your mind. You'll be able to guess your friends' ages and how much change they've got in their pockets! You'll have to do a little arithmetic, but I figure it's worth it for this great addition to your collection of tricks. It works every time —just make sure that the amount of change is under a dollar.

Give your friend a piece of paper and a pencil. Tell him or her to write down his or her age. Then you tell them to do these simple steps.

- Multiply his or her age by two.
- Add five to the total.
- Multiply that number by 50.
- Subtract 365 from that number.
- Now add the amount of spare change. (Remind the person it has to be less than a dollar.)
- Ask your friend to tell you the total.

Now here's where you do your numbers number.

- Add 115 to the total they gave you.

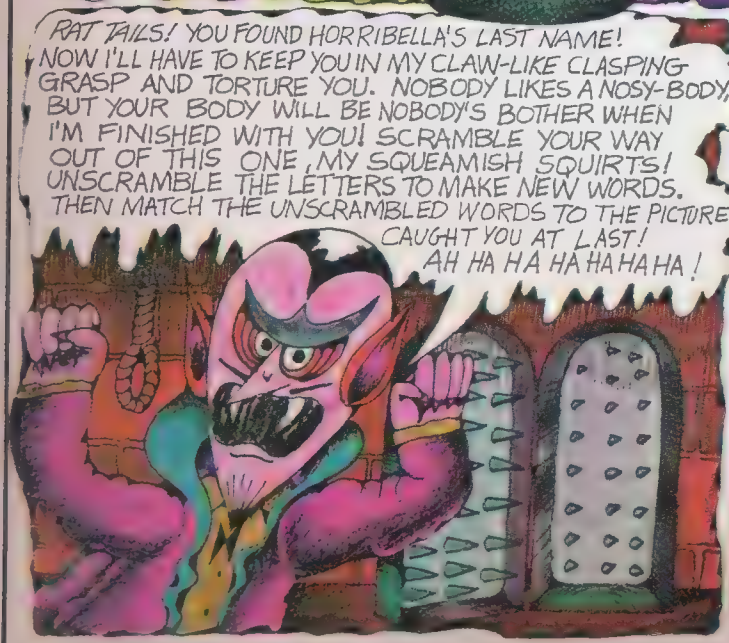
If you have a four digit number, the first two numbers are your friend's age. The second two numbers are the amount of change. If you have a three digit number, the first number is the age. The next two numbers are the amount of change.

This trick will tax your friends' brains a little, but it should all add up to a lot of fun.

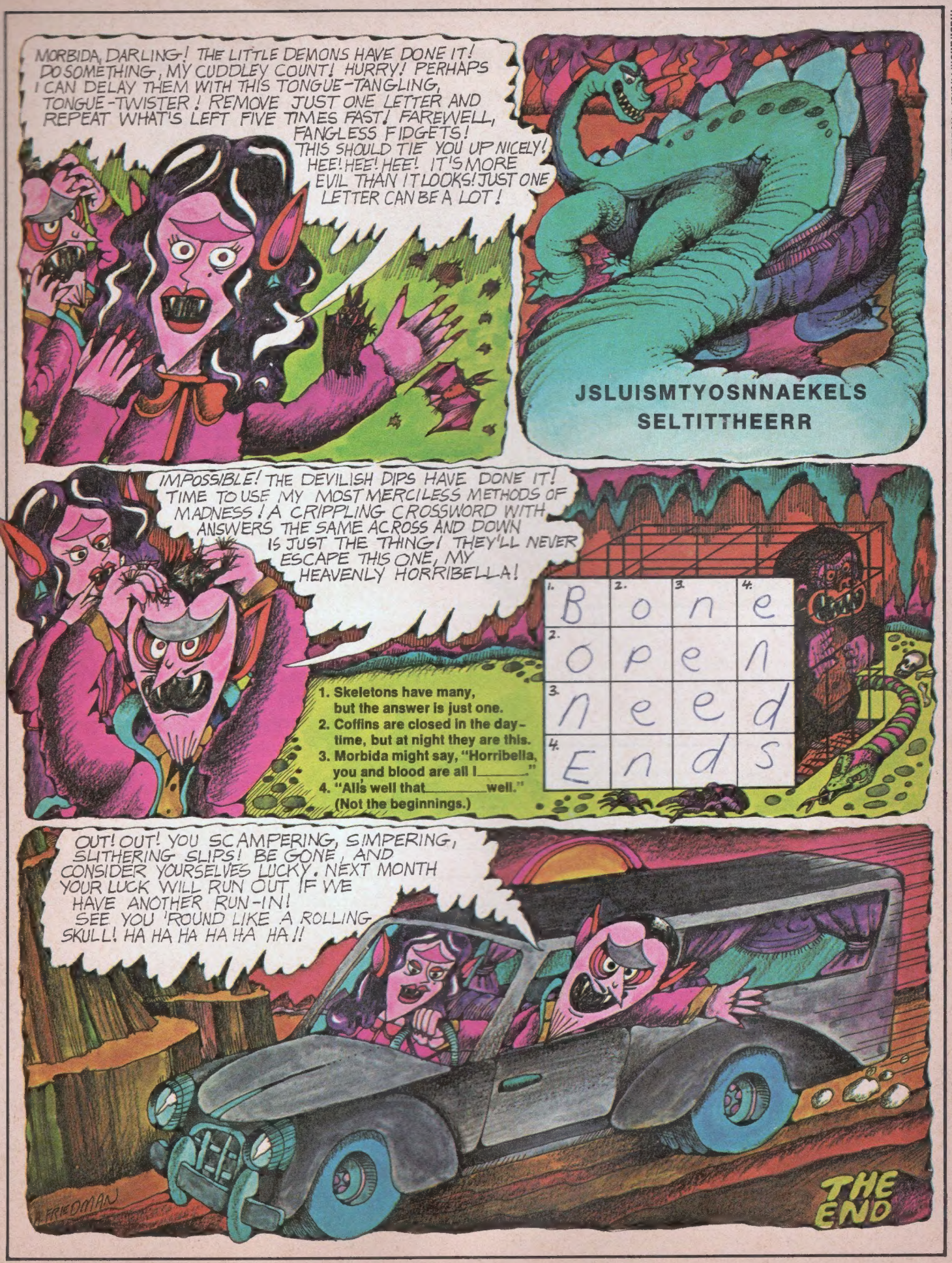
Well, I've got to go now. Maharishi has to go to the hare-dresser. Sorry about that. Thanks for all your letters. Keep writing. Let me know what kind of tricks you've been up to. Write: Magic Wanda, c/o Dynamite, 50 W. 44th St., New York, NY 10036.

COUNT MORBIDA'S MONTHLY PUZZLE PAGE

The first letter is in hole
but not in home.
The second's in bug,
but not in big.
The third letter is in grip,
but not in trip.
The fourth is in bones,
but not in beans.
The fifth letter is in scar,
but not in crab.
The sixth is in vain,
but not in vane.
Her name is Horribella.



FOWL NOTES CLEATS PACE



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ANSWERS ON PAGE 32

Questionnaire

How would you like to win this fantastic lightweight, compact Ross bike. Or a terrific Panasonic tape recorder? You can be a winner. Just fill out this easy questionnaire and send it to: Dynamite, 50 West 44th Street, New York, NY 10036. We'll put all the questionnaires together and then, on May 1, we'll pick the winners at random. Good luck!

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____
(number) (street)

_____
(town) (state) (zip code)

Phone Number _____ Age _____

I am a girl _____ I am a boy _____

Where did you get this copy of Dynamite? _____ at school _____ in a store

The three best things in Dynamite were:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

My three favorite TV shows are:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The only parts I didn't like in Dynamite were:

_____
_____
_____

ANSWERS TO COUNT MORBIDA'S PUZZLE PAGES

Horribella's Last Name
Horribella Lugosi

Brain scrambler
Stone Castle
Wolf Cape

Tongue-tangling, tongue twister
Remove the letters that spell "Just one letter" and you have:
SLIMY SNAKES SLITHER

Crippling Crossword
1. Bone
2. Open
3. Need
4. Ends

Here's Some Inside Stuff about Next Month's DYNAMITE

JUST YOU WAIT!

Next month's Dynamite will be DY-NO-MITE! as we share the good times with J.J. and the GOOD TIMES gang!

DYNAMITE GOES TO THE DOGS: A 12-year-old top dog trainer shows you how to teach your dog to be a champ! PLUS: A **Dynamite** Contest! Your dog could be a lucky dog and win this amazing prize! Details next month.

FALLS, JUMPS, CRASHES, CHASES: Why would anyone want to do crazy stunts like these? A movie stunt man explains the thrills and dangers of his job.

FREE BASEBALL CARDS: Dynamite gives you the real thing from Topps and some crazy ones of our own!

PLUS: A hilarious Dynamite look at BADvertising! The story behind the Guinness Book of World Records! More Hot Stuff winners (you could be one of them). And much, much, more!

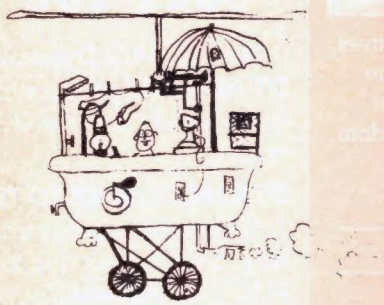
ALSO: Look for these great books from Arrow next month: THE WEREFOX (scarey!), PACK OF PUZZLES (real brain teasers), and A TASTE OF BLACKBERRIES (terrific and sad).

Dynamite Inventions Contest Winners!

Remember way back in September when we asked you to send in some wild and wacky invention ideas? Well, we thought we'd seen everything, but wow, were we wrong! Here are some of the most interesting and original entries. Honorable mention goes to everyone who entered, because all the inventions were most definitely mentionable!

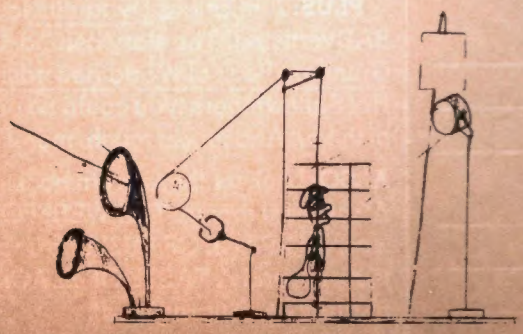
TRANSBATHIACYCLEPORTATION

Invented by Layne Gana, Tremont, NE
Layne really pulled the drain plug on imagination with this new means of transportation! It may look like an old tub, but you'll ride bathtub rings around your friends in this whipped cream powered dream car. It flies, floats, and rolls, and comes equipped with everything but the kitchen sink.



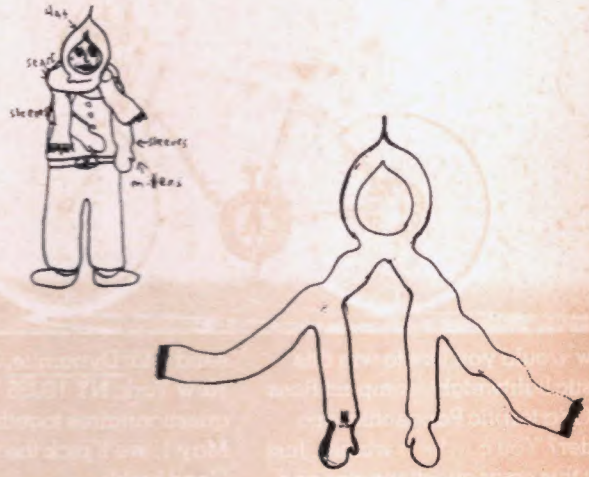
TRAPPED AT LAST

Invented by Joseph Pritchard, Honesdale, PA
In Joseph's own words, here's how his Dynamachine works: "When a thief is in your house and he steps on your Dynamachine, horns blow, a claw lets go of a rope, and a cage drops down. A sheet lifts and a spotlight shines on his face." Joseph, you may be the next Kojak!



CHANGE YOUR MUFFLER

Invented by Helen Biank, Dunellen, NJ
Winter winds watch out! This warm and woolly "Clore" will cover your hands, arms, head, and neck all in one big wrap-up! It's the answer to the what-to-wear-in-winter problem and designed to make you the hottest cool cat around!



SPECIAL ATTENTION ALSO GOES TO:

Mike Chamis, Winston-Salem, NC, for the "Cham the Bamm Superdooper Buss-a-Blooper Wrong Answer Machine," patented by the Wrong Company with all the wrong stuff included.

Jimmy Jones, Noblesville, IN, for the TV Skinny Screen for people who squint, and Political Back Scratcher with attachment for picking the taxpayers' pockets at the same time.

Pat Steiner, Naperville, IL, for Fruit Flavored Pencils perfect for chewing in class.

Robert Prestidge, Westford, MA, for "Steel Toes," metal caps that stop the pain of toe stubbing.

Susan Hoban, Minersville, PA, for "Grooving Goggles," that enable the wearer to see in front and back. Available with lashes, too!
Congratulations, inventors! You're all winners!

What do you want--a medal?

Well, here they are—some Dynamite medals no one ever wanted...